



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1029

LCO No. 2646



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-488b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
5 469 that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
6 continued in this state [on or after January 1, 2009,] shall provide
7 coverage for physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational
8 therapy services for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder, as set
9 forth in the [most recent] fourth edition of the American Psychiatric
10 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders",
11 to the extent such services are a covered benefit for other diseases and
12 conditions under such policy.

13 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 38a-514b of the
14 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

15 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

16 (3) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a pervasive developmental
17 disorder set forth in the [most recent] fourth edition of the American
18 Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
19 Disorders", including, but not limited to, Autistic Disorder, Rett's
20 Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger's Disorder and
21 Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	38a-488b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	38a-514b(a)(3)

Statement of Purpose:

To retain health insurance coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders as currently defined.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]